

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 352

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor the seventy-fifth anniversary of the  
Brown, Davidson, Driver, Smith Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, family is the basic building block that shapes our society, and the lives of family members, filled with work and play, love and laughter, illness and health, grief and disappointment, and success and achievement, shape the course of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the history of our State and nation is woven from the countless threads of the histories of families, and these family chronicles are worthy of our appreciation; and

WHEREAS, this year, the members of the Brown, Davidson, Driver, and Smith family will come together once again to enjoy fellowship, fun, and worship, while also learning more about their family roots at their annual family reunion; and

WHEREAS, the Brown, Davidson, Driver, and Smith family has a rich and illustrious history that is sewn from the strong fibers of hard work, sacrifice, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the first family reunion was organized the first Sunday in August 1940; afterward, some descendants of former slaves Elijah and Jane Davidson decided to take turns hosting a family gathering every year; and

WHEREAS, this illustrious family traces its roots back to Petersburg, and the majority of its family reunions have been held there and in Fayetteville, Elkton, Nashville, Columbia, and Decatur, Alabama, with at least six other states having been destinations for the reunion in recent years; and

WHEREAS, a proud and accomplished family, its members have succeeded in a variety of fields, including farming, education, business, politics, real estate, religion, law, engineering, banking, aviation, entertainment, sports, technology, sales and marketing, and medicine, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, on July 24–26, 2015, the Brown, Davidson, Driver, and Smith family will come together to celebrate the 2015 edition of their annual family reunion in Nashville at the Embassy Suites (Nashville Airport) Hotel and Two Rivers Park; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize the scions of the Brown, Davidson, Driver, and Smith family as they gather to remember their triumphs and accomplishments, recall various historical events in their shared past, and exchange news of current events; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and specially recognize the Brown, Davidson, Driver, Smith Family Reunion upon the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary and wish the members of this exceptional family all the best as they preserve the memory of their beloved ancestors, renew family connections, and revisit their wonderful shared family history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.